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FM AMEMBASSY ROME

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INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL MERCURY ASSOCIATION (ASSIMER)

REF: (A) STATE 114507; (B) LIMA 4213; (C) US MISSION GENEVA 3924;

(D) US MISSION GENEVA 4059

1. SUMMARY: ITALIAN MERCURY INDUSTRY SOURCES HAVE SHOWN  
CONSIDERABLE RELUCTANCE TO DISCUSS CHARACTER AND PURPOSES  
INTERNATIONAL MERCURY ASSOCIATION (ASSIMER). NEVERTHELESS,  
INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE CONFIRMS THAT CONTAINED REFTELS.  
GOI INTERESTED AS WELL. END SUMMARY.

2. IN EMBASSY CONTACTS, REPRESENTATIVES OF ITALIAN MERCURY  
INDUSTRY, 100 PERCENT STATE-OWNED, HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO DESCRIBE  
ASSIMER'S PROGRESS, PURPOSES AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, AND  
IN FACT, HAVE SOUGHT TO MINIMIZE PROGRESS ACTUALLY REGISTERED.  
NOT SURPRISINGLY, MERCURY INDUSTRY REPS HAVE SOUGHT TO PLAY  
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DOWN CARTEL-LIKE ASPECTS OF ASSIMER. MERCURY INDUSTRY REPS

DENY THAT ASSIMER WILL FIX PRICES, NOTING --PROBABLY CORRECTLY--  
THAT MARKET CONDITIONS WOULD NOT PERMIT IT EVEN IF ASSIMER SO  
WISHED.

3. DESPITE RELUCTANCE MERCURY INDUSTRY, INFORMATION AVAILABLE  
HERE (OBTAINED PRIOR REPORTED MAY 12-13 MILAN MEETING) CONFIRMS  
THAT REPORTED REFTELS: THAT ASSIMER WILL HAVE THREE BODIES: AN  
ASSEMBLY, A GOVERNING COUNCIL AND A WATCHDOG COMMITTEE; THAT IT  
IS ORGANIZED TO (A) DEFEND THE COMMERCIAL INTERESTS OF THE  
PRODUCERS; (B) STRENGTHEN TIES BETWEEN PRODUCERS; AND (C)  
RATIONALIZE PRODUCTION. SUPPORT WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE  
ASSOCIATION FIDUCIAIRE SUISSE, 40 RUE DE MARCH', GENEVA.

4. INFO CONTAINED PARA 3 OBTAINED FROM ITALIAN MINISTRY OF  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA), WHICH IS ACTIVELY INTERESTED SINCE ITALIAN  
PARTICIPATION IN A PRODUCERS' CARTEL WOULD BE CONTRARY TO GOI  
POLICY IN THIS AREA. SINCE MERCURY PRODUCTION STATE-OWNED, GOI  
CONCERNED THAT ITALIAN PARTICIPATION WOULD BE CONSTRUED AS  
OFFICIAL SUPPORT. MFA HAS REQUESTED COMPLETE EXPLANATIONS FROM  
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND MINISTRY OF STATE PARTICIPATIONS  
(RESPONSIBLE FOR STATE-CONTROLLED COMPANIES), AND PROMISED  
TO SHARE ANYTHING OBTAINED WITH EMBASSY.VOLPE

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